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Orders of Government on the resolutions passed by the District Landholders' Association, Mangalore, on 22nd February 1933.

* 208 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have considered the resolutions passed at the meeting of the District Landholders' Association in Mangalore on 22nd February 1933;

(*b*) whether any orders have been passed in regard to them; and

(*c*) if so, whether a copy of the orders passed will be laid on the table of the House?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) *Resolution* (1).—The Government did not consider that a case had been made out for a general remission of land revenue in the district.

Resolution (2).—The Government decided to consider the views put forward in this resolution after publication of the scheme report.

Resolution (3).—The representations were carefully considered but Government saw no reason to cancel the order of withdrawal.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" May I know from the hon. Member whether the scheme report has been submitted to the Government?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" It has not yet been published."

Settlement report relating to the Guntur district.

* 209 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the settlement officer has submitted his report on Guntur district to the Government or to the Board of Revenue;

(*b*) whether the report will be published and placed on the table of this House for information; and

(*c*) whether orders will be reserved till the House discusses the report?

A.—(*a*) The scheme report of the Special Settlement Officer for the resettlement of the Guntur district has not yet been submitted to the Government. The Government have no information whether it has been submitted to the Board of Revenue.

(*b*) The usual procedure is to publish the scheme report and to place it on the table of the Legislative Council. This procedure will be followed in respect of the scheme report for the Guntur district.

(c) Time for a few months after the publication of a report is usually allowed for the receipt of criticisms. Whether the scheme report for Guntur should also be discussed in the Legislative Council will be considered after it is received.

Proposals of the Collector of Guntur regarding the revision of water-rates for lands under spring channels in the Guntur district.

* 210 Q.—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government or the Board of Revenue have received any proposals from the District Collector, Guntur, about the revision of water-rates for lands under spring channels;

(b) what orders, if any, have been passed by the Government on the proposals sent by the Collector; and

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to lay a copy of the District Collector's letter on the table of this House?

A.—(a) & (b) The Collector recommended that the rates of water-cess to be charged for irrigation from spring channels in the Bapatla taluk, emanating from sand ridges along the sea coast, should be those prescribed in section A of Appendix I to Board's Standing Order No. 4-2, as amended by G.O. No. 806, Revenue, dated 8th May 1933, which has been placed at the disposal of the Press. The Collector's recommendation has been accepted by Government.

(c) The Government do not consider this necessary.

Hardship due to the introduction of a uniform flat rate of water-tax in the Guntur district.

* 211 Q.—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that the introduction of the present uniform flat rate of water-tax has increased the rate per acre from 50 to 100 per cent in many cases;

(b) whether the Government or Board of Revenue have received representations from the District Collector, Guntur, about the hardships to the ryots resulting from such enormous increase in the water rates;

(c) what action the Government have taken on the representations made by the District Collector;

(d) what are the principles underlying the old graded rates of water-tax; and

(e) whether the Government have considered the question of restoring the old rates?